Understanding the Beaver Scout Promise

It is important that Beaver Scouts come to an understanding around the meaning of the Beaver Scout Promise, especially when it comes to Bree Beaver Scouts making their investiture.

The Beaver Scout Promise- a variant adapted from Scouting Ireland's promise so as to be age-appropriate and easily understood by the organisation's youngest members- is as follows:

" I promise to do my best;
to be a good Beaver Scout,
to love God
and to love one another. "

OR

" I promise to do my best;
to be a good Beaver Scout,
to love the world
and to love one another. "

“I promise to do my best”
Beaver Scouts always try their best in everything they do in their lives inside and outside of Scouting. “Dyb, dyb, dyb”, the old Baden-Powell saying, means “Do your best, do your best, do your best”!

“To be a good Beaver Scout”
The Beaver Scout Law reads as follows:

> *Beaver Scouts are friendly: they always say hello, please and thank you!*
> *Beaver Scouts are kind: they work hard and help their family and friends.*

This simple law demonstrates that by being friendly and kind, Beaver Scouts will be doing ‘good’.

“To love God” / “To love the world”
Beaver Scouts are mindful of their environment, follow the principles of Leave No Trace and may come to appreciate the beauty of God in nature. Beaver Scouts help out in their homes and local community.

“And to love one another”
Beaver Scouts respect their fellow Beaver Scouts, their Scouters, their families and their friends. By living the Law and being friendly and kind, Beaver Scouts can make fantastic memories and have lots of fun on their Beaver Scout journey!

Activities

Promise Poster:
Each Lodge makes their own 'Promise Poster' with drawings, paintings, or clippings based on the Promise or a particular phrases, such as 'to love the world' or 'to love one another'.

Story:
Each Lodge should make up a simple story demonstrating the Beaver Scout Promise, they can then perform their story for the other Lodges. Add extra flavour by having props and costumes.

Promise Tree
Ask each Beaver Scout to think of a time which they have done their best, share these with the group. Help them write or draw this example on a leaver shaped piece of paper (give each beaver a leaf sheet and get them to cut out the leaf). Stick all the leaves to a large sheet of paper to make the Colony's own Promise Tree.

Promise Assemble
Print out all phrases from the Beaver Scout Promise, enough for each lodge. Spread them on the floor in each lodge area. Get the Beaver Scouts to put the words of the Promise in the correct order.

Story telling:
Find and tell a story that relates to the Beaver Scout Promise. Tell the story to the Colony, and have a chat about it after.